

Wickedness of Sin. How widely sin is now thought of as only a disease, and a mild kind of disease at that! Whereas sin is to them that know the law, a defiance of God's law and a defiance of God. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," is the Master's clear precept. To observe some of those things and to disregard others, is to disobey him. "This is the love of God that ye keep his commandments." Disobedience is sin; and sin brought about the humiliation of the Son of God and the death upon the cross. Man must not pick and choose, and treat disobedience lightly, nor can the wounds of sin be so easily healed as men do think. The sternness of the cross, the awfulness of the Redeemer's blessed Atonement, a penitence mingled with faith, and growing into love, the not easy task of forsaking sin when it has come to be the habit of one's life, a conscientious, constant watchfulness lest sin again spring up and make us fall; with prayers, with fasting, with childlike trust seeking pardon afresh—these things are realities all. How different this from the shallow, easy-going conception of sin that prevails today on every side!

Missions

Washington, D. C.

We are holding special services every evening this week preparatory to our love feast which is set for Thursday evening, May 1. So far the attendance has not been large because of rain.

For several weeks I have been delivering a series of sermons on Sunday evenings on the distinctive doctrines of the church. So far as I have been able to judge they have been well received. I have known some preachers who seem to take delight in referring to these distinctive doctrines in almost every sermon they preach regardless of where or what their text may be. I feel that that is a great mistake. I believe in advertising such subjects and then give them special attention at stated periods, but not too often. In my judgment this is the only way to do effectual work along this line.

Before closing I request that our friends pray that our financial needs may be supplied. For quite a long time, for some cause, we have received no help whatever from outside sources, excepting from Brother Koontz of Conemaugh, Pa., and our faithful friend, "A. B." of Altoona, Pa. True we do not need so much help any more, but then, that which we *do* need, we need *badly*. All who are acquainted with the facts here, know that this mission has been "stretching the traces" financially and pulling their full share, and therefore are most worthy of receiving the help needed.

Let the work be encouraged a little longer, and if all things continue to move on in the future as in the past this mission will soon

begin to yield encouraging dividends, but do not "let us stick on the home stretch."

W. M. LYON.

What One Little Girl Did

There are ninety villages belonging to the city of Tyre, in Syria. Up to twenty years ago, there had not been a Bible or missionary teacher among them.

At Beirut, there was a little Syrian girl going to a mission school. She had learned of Jesus, and how to read the Bible, the precious Book that told of him. Oh, how she loved her Bible! And the more she learned to love it, the more she wanted others to know about it, to love it, too. Are you that way, little reader?

When vacation came she went to her home which was one of those villages of Tyre of which I have told you. She sat under the trees reading her precious Book. The people came to her and asked her what she was reading. "Oh, such a beautiful, beautiful Book!" she replied. "Do you want to hear it?" They told her they did. She began to read. Soon the crowd increased.

Every time she sat under the trees reading the people would come flocking about her, hungry to hear the messages in the precious Book. So many hungry ones, and only one little girl to give them the words of eternal life! But how patiently and faithfully she did her part; all that one little child could do!

When she went back to the mission school the hungry people sent a message by her, begging for a teacher who could come and stay with them. Oh, how piteously they begged! But there was no teacher to go. There were really not enough for the mission school itself.

The next year the people begged again, and again the next, and again the next year.

At the end of five years what do you think happened? A missionary teacher was sent to them. And whom do you think it was? No less a person than the little girl who had first read to them the precious words of truth, sitting under the shade of the village trees—the little girl now grown to be a woman. What a glad day that was!

There are now in that city where the little girl first taught and read the Bible, twenty-nine Christian schools, and over three thousand children who know Jesus; and it has all come about thru that one little girl's patient and earnest seed-sowing.

Bible and Missionary Convention

To be held at Roann, Ind., May 23, 24, 25. The pastors of the Brethren churches in Wabash and adjacent counties are invited to be with us. Bro. Talley of Chicago and Bro. Hubbard of Elkhart, have promised to be present and help.

On Monday evening, May 26, we will hold our communion at Roann. The usual invitation is extended.

WM. H. MILLER, Pastor.

Missionary Conference

The Pennsylvania quarterly missionary Conference will convene at Martinsburg, Pa., May 14 and 15, the first session beginning May 14 at 10 A. M., and the last session May 15 at 2.30 P. M. Communion services on the evening of the 15. A general invitation is extended and a good attendance solicited by the committee,

JACOB C. CASSEL.

D. J. BOLE.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Mission Receipts for April, by M. B. of Ind.

Corinth,	\$8 00
Warsaw,	5.00
Union Salem,	2.40
Fairview,	18 00
Bethel,	5.25

Total, \$38.65

WM. H. MILLER.

Among the Churches

Program Maryland and Virginia Conference, to be Held at St. James, May 21, 22, 23, 1902

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2 P. M.

Devotional Services by Moderator.

Temporary Organization. Appointment of Committees on Permanent Organization and Rules.

Address of Welcome by Pastor, J. I. Hall.

Responses by Delegates and Ministers.

EVENING SESSION, 7:30

Devotional Services.

Report of Committees.

Reading of Minutes of last Conference.

Topic—Christian Unity.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional Services.

"Is the Brethren Church doing its Proportionate Share in Evangelizing the World?"—Geo. A. Copp and H. N. Cross.

Queries. New Business.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30

Devotional Exercises.

Unfinished Business.

The Mission of the Brethren Church.

District and National. W. M. Lyon, E. B. Shaver, Simon Fogle, Laura E. N. Hedrick.

Queries.

New Business.

EVENING SESSION, 7:45

Devotional Services.

"The Publishing Interests of the Brethren Church." J. C. Castle and J. M. Tombaugh.

Queries.

New Business.

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional Exercises.

Unfinished Business.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Queries. New Business.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30

Devotional Services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Brethren S. S. of Virginia—What Are They Doing? William Spiggle, E. B. Shaver.

The Brethren S. S. of Maryland—What Are They Doing? Dr. V. M. Reichard and T. J. Fahrney.

EVENING SESSION, 7:30

Devotional Services.

Unfinished and Deferred Business.

Reports of Committees.

Adjournment.